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August 8, 2005

The Honorable Ron Jones, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

RE: TRA Docket No. 05-00194
Section 254(e) Certification of
Ben Lomand Communications, Inc.
To Receive USF Disbursements
In Calendar Year 2006

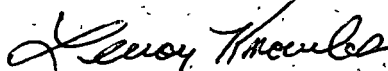
Dear Chairman Jones,

Attached hereto is the Certification Letter of Levoy Knowles, Executive Vice-President of Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. (the "Company"), certifying that the Company is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254(e) and the requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Fourteenth Report and Order; Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, FCC 01-157, released May 23, 2001. Also attached is a report regarding our 2004 support payments in response to Ms. Darlene Standley's August 2, 2005 letter.

Based on the foregoing, the Company respectfully requests that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority certify by no later than October 1, 2005 to the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the Company is in compliance with its obligations under Section 254 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

In addition to this original, I am submitting a date "stamp and return" copy (and accompanying postage prepaid, self-addressed envelope) that I ask you to please use for this purpose. Should you have questions or need additional information you may contact me at 931-668-4131.

Sincerely,
Ben Lomand Communications



Levoy Knowles
Executive Vice-President

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Attachments

cc: Darlene Standley
Chief, Telecommunications Division



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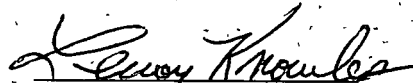
RE: TRA Docket No. 05-000194
Section 254(e) Certification of
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Dear Chairman Jones,

I, Levoy Knowles, Executive Vice-President of Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. (the "Company") do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I am the Executive Vice-President of the Company;
2. The Company is subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority;
3. The Company is eligible for disbursements for the Federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission and
4. The Company will utilize its USF disbursements for high cost support (including any high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support for which it is eligible) received in 2006 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Sincerely Yours,



Levoy Knowles
Executive Vice-President

LK/bh



Ben Lomand Communications, Inc.

Universal Service Payments Received - 2004

	High Cost & IAS Support	Lifeline & Linkup
January	\$18,340 00	5,341.00
February	18,925.00	5,331 00
March	19,827 00	5,332 00
April	19,424 00	5,355 00
May	13,827 00	5,807.00
June	17,850 00	5,426.00
July	17,850 00	6,468 00
August	14,916 00	5,205 00
September	17,730 00	5,802 00
October	17,730 00	3,407 00
November	13,869 00	4,856.00
December	<u>0 00</u>	<u>0.00</u> •
	\$190,288 00	\$58,330 00

- No check was received in December, will include in 2005 Support Report

Ben Lomand Communications, Inc is a facilities based CLEC and does not make a cost allocation of USF funds

The Lifeline and Linkup Funds were used to reduce installation charges and monthly charges to eligible low income customers

The High Cost & IAS funds were used to maintain the outside plant and to upgrade the remotes